

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Todd Akin, Chairman of the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee, sent a letter to Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta today asking for details about how Solyndra LLC was selected as a finalist for a potentially lucrative Defense Department contract. While dozens of companies were competing, Solyndra was one of only three that were selected as finalists. Congressman Akin released the following statement after sending the letter:

“Given what is now known about Solyndra and how the White House was putting their campaign contributors ahead of protecting taxpayers, I am concerned with what I know about this Solyndra contract with the DOD. There are too many unanswered questions. If the White House was twisting arms at the Department of Energy for its campaign contributors, who is to say they did not do the same with the Department of Defense? We need full transparency and accountability in this decision-making process. This reeks of cronyism and the only solution is sunlight.”

Akin letter: [DOD_Solyndra_letter_10-26-2011.pdf](#)

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